

Letter from Tilton C. Reynolds to Juliana Reynolds, September 21, 1864

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Dear Mother,

As Alb R is starting home tomorrow I though I would write a few lines and Send you with him. He came to the Regt today.

Well I have had quite a time to day I must tell you about it. For a few days the Pickets of both armies are on very friendly terms and are giving one an other papers of different kinds. Well to day I was out on the line and there was a lot of Rebs there and one of them invited me to go with him back told me he would insure me a Safe trip &c. So another fellow of our Regt and my Self went over inside their Picket line and stayed about 1/2 an hour. Had a great chat. I talked with one of their officers a mighty Smart fellow. He Said he thought McClellan would be elected and that would end the war.

We had quite a pleasant visit. There was a number of our officers & theirs conversing together just as if there had been no war. After I had been there a Short time I told this Rebel Lieut that I guessed we had better go back When he said no dont be in a hurry. This order allowing us to be together may soon be countermanded and we will perhaps never have an other opportunity to converse together. We stayed a while longer and he went 1/2 way back with us. He is 1 Lieut of the 11th Alabama "Co G" is a fine Specimen of a Rebel. He Said if we ever met either as prisoners he hoped whosever lot it was to be in the others hands that every thing to the comfort of either party would be gladly given.

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One of his compiny gave me his name &c. I will send it to you. He also gave me one of Jeffs orders which they are distributing though our army. They had some of the "Grants proclamations" also. They are all anxious to get them. Desertions from their army are quite numerous hardly a night but what a goodly number comes in. They call Gen Grant "old Universal Slaughter". They think him a Splendid man.

I had on a pair of fine Gaiters and one of them asked me the Price. I told him and he said they would cost in Petersburg \$150.00. Common Shoes cost 60 & 70 Dolls. Common Letter paper 50 cts per Sheet & mighty hard to get at that. They say themselves that they have had no Coffee or Sugar for 4 weeks. [??] cutting the Weldon Road did not damage them to any extent. I told them that one of the Deserters had told us that they had no Sugar and coffee since the cutting of said Road and he said the Lieut that they had none for a good while before that was cut.

I got two letters from you yesterday morning on with the Stamps in.

All the Boys are right Side up. Excuse Bad writing. Your Loving Son.

T. Reynolds